WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Allocation of power to Rajasthan from RAPS

†397. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the first and the second units of Rajasthan Atomic Power Station (RAPS), Rawatbhata have stopped generation of power;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) by when the power generation is likely to recommence;

(d) whether the State Government of Rajasthan has urged the units of RAPS set up earlier and the new ones coming up to enhance the State's allocation; and

(e) the details of the steps being taken by the Central Government to accede to the request of Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) to (c) The first unit of Rajasthan Atomic Power Station (RAPS) started commercial operation in the year 1973 and had completed 31 years in 2004 when it was shut down for techno-economic evaluation on continuation of its operation.

RAPS-2, the second unit was shutdown for En masse Feeder Replacement (EMFR) which has been now completed and the unit is awaiting fuel loading. The unit is expected to restart early in 2009-10.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The state will have its full allocation of 200 MWe on restart of RAPS-2 from the year 2009-10. In addition, Rajasthan also has an allocation of about 36% from RAPS-3 and 4 (2 × 220 MWe) and 13% from Narora Atomic Power Station (2 × 220 MWe) in Uttar Pradesh. The state will also have a share of about 20% from RAPP-5 and 6 (2 × 220 MWe) which is under construction and expected to be commissioned in 2009-10.

Allocation of captive mines

398. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has allotted captive coal mines to various Central and State Public Sector and Private Sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is aware that NALCO, Orissa and NTPC's Kanhiya and Talcher Plants are closed because of the shortage of coal; and

(d) the total deposit of coal and the percentage of the coal being used for energy generation in India?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA): (a) and (b) As on date, 198 coal blocks with geological reserves of about 42 billion tonnes under the Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973 to various public and private sector companies registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 have been allocated. The details of the sector-wise coal blocks allocated is given below:

S. No.	Sector	No. of coal blocks allocatted	Geological Reserves (MT)
1.	Central Government Undertakings	22	9636.42
2.	State Government Undertakings	78	17719.57
3.	Private Sector	98	14931.37
	Total	198	42287.36

(c) No, Sir. As reported by Coal India Ltd., NALCO and NTPCs Kanhiya and Talcher Plant are not closed due to shortage of coal. The materialization of supplies to NALCO CPPs is about 89% during current year (upto 8th February) in terms of Standing Linkage Committee (Short Term) allocation and 89% for NTPC (Talcher and Kanhiya). The supplies could have been more but for frequent agitation and strikes in Talcher field and NTPC plants affecting coal transportation and despatch.

(d) As per the latest inventory of geological resources of Indian Coal as on 01.04.2008, a total of 264.535 billion tonnes of coal resources (through exploration carried out up to a maximum depth of 1200m by Geological Survey of India, Coal Mine Planning and Design Institute and Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited etc.) have so far been estimated in the country. The percentage of coal being used for energy generation by power utilities works out to about 74% of total raw coal production, during 2007-08, in respect of Coal India Limited.

Coal imports

†399. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that country's requirement of coal between the years 2003 and 2008 has been met by increasing dependence on the imported coal;

(b) if not, the type of coals imported for consumption in the country during the said period alongwith quantity imported year-wise; and

(c) the increase in the quantum of coal production between the years 2003 and 2008, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA): (a) The import of coal has increased from 21.68 mts. during 2003-04 to about 50 mts. during

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